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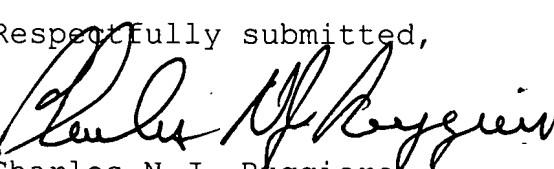
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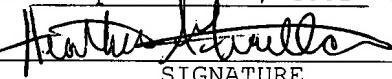

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In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed June 11, 2001.

The following references were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 09/399654, filed September 21, 1999 (issued). Accordingly, copies of the following references have

not been submitted herewith (37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)): U.S. patents 3222857, 3339357, 3474616, 3479811, 4525410, 4744374, 4826497, 4911898, 4911899, 5364380, 5413747, 5428948, 5457950, 5460881, 5489469, and 5492759.

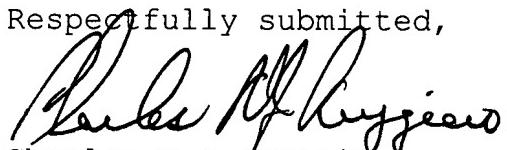
It is applicants' belief that the above U.S. patents, describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the first office action, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants' respectfully request favorable consideration and
that this application be passed to allowance.

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